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**PRIEST CHARGED WITH ALLEGEDLY POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

CHICAGO – A Vincentian priest was charged today with allegedly possessing child pornography on his computer, announced Patrick J. Fitzgerald, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and Robert D. Grant, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The defendant, **Daniel Schulte**, 53, formerly of Chicago, was charged with one count of possession of child pornography in a criminal information.

Schulte will be arraigned at a later date in U.S. District Court. There are no allegations that he engaged in any sexual misconduct with any children.

According to the charge, Schulte possessed an unspecified number of images of child pornography on his computer on Feb. 28, 2005.

The government is being represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Scott Drury.

If convicted, possession of child pornography carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000. The Court, however, would determine the appropriate sentence to be imposed.

The charge in this case is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent and the government has the burden of proving guilt at trial beyond a reasonable doubt.

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